



Activity Review

North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners

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Advertising on the Internet: Is Your CPA Firm in Compliance?

If your CPA firm has a web site, it is important that you are familiar with 21 NCAC 8N .0306, *Advertising or Other Forms of Solicitation*, which includes guidelines for advertising on the Internet.

In regard to advertising on the Internet, 21 NCAC 8N .0306(d) states, "any CPA or CPA firm offering to or performing professional services via the Internet shall include the following information on the Internet:

- (1) CPA business or CPA firm name;
- (2) principal place of business;
- (3) business phone; and
- (4) North Carolina certificate number and North Carolina as state of certification."

[Please note that in Item 4 above, "North Carolina certificate number" refers to the individual certificate number of each CPA listed on the web site.]

In accordance with 21 NCAC 8N .0306(a), your CPA firm's web site must contain meaningful information that is not misleading or deceptive to consumers.

For example, qualitative or quantitative terms, such as "expert," "reasonable," or "affordable" should not be used because such descriptions cannot be documented.

In addition, the use of terms such as "specialist," or "specializing in" is not permitted because such terms indicate a level of attainment that cannot be verified.

21 NCAC 8N .0306(b) addresses the use of designations in advertisements by stating that a CPA may advertise the nature of services provided to clients, but the CPA cannot advertise or indicate a designation or other title unless he or she has met the requirements of the granting organization for the separate title or designation and he or she is currently on active status and in good standing with the granting organization for the separate title or designation.

The Board does not approve or authorize designations or separate titles and the use of such designations is for public information purposes only.

The nature of the Internet lends itself to the use of catchy, easily-recognized names and phrases, but pursuant to 21 NCAC 8N .0306(c), a CPA firm can offer to perform or advertise professional services only in the exact name of the CPA firm as registered with the Board.

Your Internet advertising may contain the name(s) of the CPA firm owner(s) and CPAs licensed to practice in North Carolina; however, you must distinguish between the CPAs who are owners and the CPAs who are considered professional staff.

Although NCGS 93-9 allows CPA firms to hire assistant accountants or clerks who are not CPAs, ads that contain the names of unlicensed staff members are not permitted.

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AICPA and State Societies Establish Fund for Victims of Terrorist Attacks

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), in conjunction with the state CPA societies, has established the *CPAs in Support of America Fund, Inc.*, to help CPAs, CPA firms, and all others affected by the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Donations to this fund should be sent to: *CPAs in Support of America Fund, Inc.*, AICPA, Harborside Financial Center, 201 Plaza Three, Jersey City, NJ 07311-3881.

For more information regarding this fund and other relief efforts, please consult the AICPA web site (www.aicpa.org).

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Disciplinary Actions

Donald Clyde Yount, Jr. #15821
Fairfax, VA 07/23/01

THIS CAUSE, coming before the Board at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to NCGS 150B-41 and 150B-22, the Board and Respondent stipulate the following Findings:

1. Respondent, Donald C. Yount, Jr., of Fairfax, Virginia, is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 15821 as a Certified Public Accountant.

2. In an Order Instituting Public Proceedings, Making Findings and Order and Order Pursuant to Rule 102(e) of the Commission's Rules of Practice ('Commission Order'), the Securities and Exchange Commission ('Commission') found that:

a. Respondent was "at all relevant times Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Versatility, Inc. ('Versatility') and is a certified public accountant, registered in the state of North Carolina,

b. Versatility, at all relevant times, was a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Fairfax, VA. Versatility's common stock was at all relevant times registered with the Commission pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ('Exchange Act') and listed on NASDAQ.

c. On September 19, 2000, the Commission filed a complaint against Yount and others in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, *SEC v. Charnock, et al.*, Civil Action No. 002239. The Commission's complaint alleged, among other things, that (1) from at least May 1996 through December 1997, Yount, as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Versatility, knowingly or recklessly participated in the material overstatement of Versatility's assets, revenues and earnings in its financial statements included in periodic reports and registration statements filed with the Commission; (2) Yount aided and abetted Versatility's failure to devise and maintain a system of internal accounting controls; and (3)

Yount provided false or misleading management representations letters to Versatility's auditors in connection with Versatility's audit for fiscal year 1997 and in connection with registration statements Versatility filed in December 1996 and March 1997.

d. On September 26, 2000, a final judgment was entered by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia permanently enjoining Yount from violating Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 ('Securities Act') and Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rules 10b-5, 13b2-1 and 13b2-2 thereunder and from, directly or indirectly, aiding and abetting violation of Section 13(b)(2)(B) of the Exchange Act. Yount consented to the entry of the final judgment without admitting or denying the allegations of the Commission's complaint."

3. As a part of its final Order issued on September 27, 2000, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia also ordered that Respondent pay a civil penalty of \$50,000.00 to be tendered to the Commission within 60 business days of the date of the Court's Order.

4. Based on the Court's final judgment and the Commission's acceptance of Respondent's Offer of Settlement, the Commission ordered on September 29, 2000, that Respondent be "suspended from privilege of appearing or practicing before the Commission as an accountant."

5. The Commission further specified in the Commission Order that Respondent could, after three (3) years, request "reinstatement by submitting an application ... to resume appearing or practicing before the Commission." The Commission Order also specified qualifications that the Commission would consider in its review of any request for reinstatement.

6. Respondent contends that he did not intentionally violate the accountancy laws and rules.

7. Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the

Board staff and counsel may discuss this Order with the Board *ex parte*, whether or not the Board accepts this Order as written.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. Respondent is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) and Title 21, Chapter 8 of the North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC), including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.

2. Respondent's alleged actions as described in the Commission Order constitutes violations of NCGS 93-12(9) and 21 NCAC 8N .0201, .0202(a), .0203(a), and .0203(b)(1).

3. Respondent's discipline as imposed in the Commission's September 27, 2000, Order constitute violations of NCGS 93-12(9) and 21 NCAC 8N .0204(a).

BASED ON THE FOREGOING and in lieu of further proceedings under 21 NCAC Chapter 8C, the Board and Respondent agree to the following Order:

1. The Certified Public Accountant certificate issued to Respondent, Donald Clyde Yount, Jr., of Fairfax, Virginia, is hereby suspended for a period of three (3) years.

2. Respondent shall pay a one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) civil penalty to be remitted with this signed Order.

3. Respondent may, after three (3) years from the date he signs this Consent Order, apply for the reinstatement of his CPA certificate without having to apply to the Board for modification of discipline; provided, however, if, after the reinstatement of his CPA certificate by the Board, Respondent's request for reinstatement of his privilege to appear before the Commission is denied, Respondent shall surrender his certificate for inactive status and not seek to reinstate his certificate to active status until

he may again appear before the Commission to request his reinstatement before that body.

4. If Respondent returns his suspended certificate within fifteen (15) days of the date he signs this Consent Order, Respondent can, after three (3) years, apply to return his certificate to active status by submission and approval of a reinstatement application which includes:

- a. Application form,
- b. Payment of the application fee,
- c. Three (3) moral character affidavits, and
- d. Forty (40) hours of CPE in the twelve (12) months preceding the application including an eight -hour accountancy law course pursuant to 21 NCAC 8F .0504.

5. If Respondent returns his suspended certificate in excess of fifteen (15) days of the date he signs this Consent Order, Respondent can, after three (3) years plus the number of days that his certificate is late in being returned, apply to return his certificate to active status by submission and approval of a reinstatement application which includes:

- a. Application form,
- b. Payment of the application fee,
- c. Three (3) moral character affidavits (on forms provided by Board),
- d. Forty (40) hours of CPE in the twelve (12) months preceding the application including an eight-hour accountancy law course pursuant to 21 NCAC 8F .0504, and
- e. Consent Order requiring payment of at least \$100.00 in administrative costs.

Jerry U. Britt, #13952
Mount Olive, NC 08/20/01

THIS CAUSE, coming before the Board at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to NCGS 150B-41 and 150B-22, the Board and Respondent stipulate the following Findings:

1. Respondent is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 13952 as a Certified Public Accountant.
2. Respondent contracted with the Of-

fice of the State Treasurer, Local Government Commission (LGC), to provide audits for certain government units in North Carolina for 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000. These audits were due to be completed and provided to the LGC on or before October 31 of each year.

3. For Government Unit A, audits for the years ending 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998 were late with the 1997 audit being one hundred ninety-six (196) days late. The 1995, 1996, and 1997 audits contained mathematical errors and the 1997 and 1998 audits resulted in white letter comments.

4. For the Government Unit B, audits for the years ending 1997, 1998, and 1999 were late with the 1998 audit being one hundred forty-three (143) days late. The 1997, 1998, and 1999 audits contained mathematical errors and the 1997 and 1998 audits resulted in white letter comments.

5. For Government Unit C, audits for the years ending 1996, 1999, and 2000 were late with the 2000 audit being one hundred eighty-four (184) days late. The 1999 audit contained mathematical errors and the 1996 and 2000 audits resulted in white letter comments

6. Respondent was written by Board staff on August 7, 2000, and again on March 26, 2001, regarding these matters, but Respondent failed to respond in a timely manner to these inquiries.

7. Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Order with the Board *ex parte*, whether or not the Board accepts this Order as written.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. Respondent is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) and Title 21, Chapter 8 of the North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC), including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
2. Respondent's conduct as set out above

constitute violations of 93-12(9)e and 21 NCAC 8N .0201, 8N .0206, 8N .0212, and 8N .0405.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING and in lieu of further proceedings under 21 NCAC Chapter 8C, the Board and Respondent agree to the following Order:

1. Respondent is censured.
2. Respondent shall pay a two hundred fifty dollar (\$250.00) civil penalty to be remitted with this signed Order.
3. Respondent shall reimburse the Board two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) in administrative costs incurred in the costs of this investigation. Said administrative costs shall be remitted with this signed Order.
4. All the continuing professional education (CPE) used by Respondent to meet the Yellow Book requirements for the next three cycles (2001-02, 2003-04, and 2005-06) must be in governmental accounting.
5. Respondent shall provide the Board with copies of the certificates of completion for all CPE taken to meet Yellow Book requirements and the Board's annual forty (40) hour requirements in the next three (3) Yellow Book cycles (2001-02, 2003-04, and 2005-06).
6. Respondent shall obtain pre-issuance reviews of all governmental audits completed by Respondent within eighteen (18) months of the date this Order is approved by the Board. The reviewer for the preissuance review shall be approved by the Board prior to performing said reviews.

Board Meetings

November 19
December 18

Unless otherwise noted, all Board meetings are held at the Board's offices and are open to the public. However, under State law, some portions of the meetings are closed to the public.

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Initial Candidates Sweep May 2001 Guthrie Awards

Initial candidates swept the May 2001 Katherine Guthrie Memorial Awards--the semi-annual awards given to the North Carolina candidates with the highest total grades on the Uniform CPA Examination.

Wendel F. Kravolich, who graduated *summa cum laude* from Wake Forest University with a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy and a Master of Science in Accountancy, was named North Carolina's top scorer on the May 2001 exam.

Kravolich, who is employed by Ernst & Young, LLP, in Atlanta, Georgia, was inducted into *Beta Gamma Sigma* as a junior. *Beta Gamma Sigma* is an international honor society recognizing the outstanding academic achievements of students enrolled in collegiate business and management programs.

In addition, Kravolich was awarded a full scholarship and assistance for his graduate studies.

Kravolich is the third person in his family to pass the exam on the first try. His twin brother, as well as his sister, also passed the exam on their first attempt.

Another Wake Forest University graduate and *Beta Gamma Sigma* member, Kirk E. Sonnefeld was North Carolina's second-highest scoring candidate.

Sonnefeld graduated *magna cum laude* from Wake Forest University with a Bachelor of Science in Analytical Finance and a Master of Science in Accountancy.

The recipient of the Federation of Schools of Accountancy Student Achievement Award, Sonnefeld served as Vice President of the Student Accounting Society at Wake Forest University.

He is now employed as a member of the Audit staff with the Atlanta office of Arthur Andersen, LLP.

In an unusual twist, three candidates, Brian D. Branson, C. Nicole Davenport, and Angela Eubanks Fowler, are sharing the distinction of being

North Carolina's third-highest scoring candidate on the May 2001 exam.

The overall exam scores of these candidates were identical, resulting in a three-way tie.

Brian D. Branson is a *magna cum laude* graduate of Wake Forest University who holds a Bachelor of Science in Analytical Finance and a Master of Science in Accountancy.

A *Beta Gamma Sigma* member, Branson is employed as a Corporate Finance Analyst with Stephens, Inc., a Little Rock, Arkansas-based full service investment banking firm.

C. Nicole Davenport, who graduated *summa cum laude* from Meredith College with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting, also graduated *summa cum laude* from North Carolina State University with a Master of Accounting.

As a student at Meredith, Davenport was an Honors Scholar and received the Lois E. Frazier Academic Performance and Service Award and the Outstanding Leadership Award.

She was President of the *Delta Mu Delta* National Honor Society in Business Administration, Vice President of the Meredith Accounting Association, Treasurer of the *Kappa Nu Sigma* National Honor Society, and a member of the Student Business Advisory Board.

At North Carolina State University, Davenport received the Robert Leon Shaw Memorial Scholarship and was a member of *Beta Alpha Psi*.

She is a Staff Accountant in the Tax Division of the Raleigh office of Arthur Andersen, LLP.

Angela Eubanks Fowler graduated with Distinction from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a Master of Accounting.

As an undergraduate, Fowler completed the Freshman and Sophomore Honors Programs, participated in the Summer School Abroad Program (Belgium/Germany), and was inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society.

She also received the Kenan-Flager School of Business Undergraduate Leadership Award (the Jimmy Garrell/Tabor City Award).

As a graduate student, Fowler received the Master of Accounting Program Outstanding Graduate Award and was a Master of Accounting Outstanding Scholar Fellow, and a Deloitte & Touche, LLP, Resident Fellow.

Fowler is employed as a Staff Accountant with the Raleigh office of Deloitte & Touche, LLP.

In 1982, the North Carolina CPA Foundation, Inc., undertook sponsorship of the Katherine Guthrie Memorial Awards which are named for a former Executive Director of the NC State Board of CPA Examiners.

To be eligible for the awards, a candidate must sit for all four parts of the exam and must attain a score of at least 80 on each section of the exam.

November Exam Schedule

The November 2001 Uniform CPA Examination will be administered at the Raleigh Convention and Conference Center in Raleigh and the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem. The schedule is as follows:

Business Law & Professional Responsibilities (LPR)

Wednesday, November 7, 2001
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Auditing (AUD)

Wednesday, November 7, 2001
1:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Accounting & Reporting (ARE)

Thursday, November 8, 2001
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Financial Accounting & Reporting (FARE)

Thursday, November 8, 2001
1:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Certificates Issued

The following applications for certification were approved by the Board at its September 18, 2001, meeting:

Pamela Raye Asbury	Fiona Anne Gould	Georgianna Jo Musshafen
Julie Marie Ayers	Linda Kay Hadley	Christopher Stephen O'Connor, III
Ronald Scott Barham	Bryan Patrick Helton	Robert Ormiston
Annissa Dawn Harris Barnwell	Stacy Anne Hersha	Johnny Dupree Poteat, III
Dolores Marie Bell	Harold Cornelius Joyner, Jr.	E. Jane Fursey Ralston
Sheri Gail Blackwell	Rachel Danner Keller	Allison Canner Ray
Bonnie J. Bowers	Kimberly Anne Kenny	Jennifer Tingen Reese
Annamarie Garcia Britton	Patricia Elaine King	Darryl Morgan Richards
Adrain Lambert Bryant	Kathy L. Kisiel	Heidi Marie Sanfilippo
Jason Russell Carr	Thomas Scott Kummer	Adam Nathan Satterfield
Elizabeth Ashley Chiles	Karen Clark Lane	Margaret Roth Schneider
Erica Ruth Cobb	Sarah Elizabeth Langley	Pamela Noppawan Setji
Conoley Jernigan Coonley	Kevin B. Lauder	Alayna M. Sulym
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Rhonda L. Gehle	Kelly L. Mogle	Jennifer Jill Williams
Seth Howard Goldstein	Margaret Ann Moore	Amanda L. Wolfe
	Mary Jane Morton	Melanie A. Wood

NC Licensees by Residency

AK 2	LA 10	OK 6
AL 50	MA 52	OR 5
AR 9	MD 94	PA 81
AZ 14	ME 4	PR 1
CA 123	MI 38	RI 4
CO 33	MN 19	SC 532
CT 29	MO 16	TN 142
DC 18	MS 13	TX 147
DE 13	MT 2	UT 11
FL 298	NC 12,833	VA 435
GA 478	ND 1	VT 3
HI 4	NE 2	WA 22
IA 6	NH 7	WI 19
ID 2	NJ 87	WV 6
IL 50	NM 1	Other 49
IN 33	NV 6	
KS 18	NY 102	TOTAL 16,021
KY 27	OH 64	

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How is the Uniform CPA Exam Graded?

The statute states “such employees work under the control and supervision of certified public accountants...and do not hold themselves out as engaged in the practice of public accounting.” The public should not be led to believe that uncertified employees are CPAs.

So, before your CPA firm decides to conquer the world using the Internet, make sure that your web site complies with the Board’s rule on advertising and other forms of solicitation. Both the public and the CPA profession’s interests are best served when CPA firms and individual CPAs take steps to avoid advertisements that confuse or mislead consumers.

In the Spotlight

Due to time constraints of the *Activity Review*’s publication schedule, the Board is not always able to include time-sensitive material in the newsletter.

However, such information is available on the Board’s web site (www.state.nc.us/cpabd) under the heading, “In the Spotlight.”

Explains Robert N. Brooks, the Executive Director of the Board, “In the past, if the Board received time-sensitive material, such as a Request for Comments that had a 30 day turnaround, we were unable to make that information available to licensees.”

“However, we can now make such material available to licensees by adding the information to the web site,” says Brooks.

The web site is updated frequently and licensees are encouraged to visit the site often.

Comments?

Do you have questions or comments about the *Activity Review*? If so, please contact Lisa R. Hearne, Communications Manager, by telephone at (919) 733-4208 or by e-mail at (lhearn@bellsouth.net).

The Uniform CPA Examination is administered by the Board of Examiners (BOE) of the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) and the responsibility of grading each examination paper in a fair and uniform manner falls to the AICPA’s Advisory Grading Service.

Objective questions comprise the majority of the point value for the Business Law & Professional Responsibilities, Auditing, and Financial Accounting & Reporting sections.

Objective questions consist of four-option, multiple-choice questions and other objective answer formats (OOFs), which include yes-no, true-false, matching, and questions requiring a numerical response.

It is important to understand that there is no grade reduction for incorrect responses to objective questions; the total objective question grade is determined solely by the number of correct answers.

Because the correct solution is listed as one of the answer choices for objective questions, candidates should attempt to answer every question.

Objective questions are machine-graded—only the blackened response is considered by the optical scanner. To ensure accuracy, randomly selected objective answer sheets are manually verified.

Essay questions comprise between 20 and 30 percent of the point value of each section, except for Accounting & Reporting, which does not include any essay questions.

When grading essays, the graders, who are practicing CPAs and attorneys, use the “total concept” approach which includes an exhaustive list of acceptable concepts/key words a candidate could include in a particular essay.

In grading essays, graders look for coherent organization, conciseness, clarity, use of standard English, responsiveness to the requirements of the question, and appropriateness for the reader.

To ensure essay grading is fair and complete, grading is done by graders assigned to individual questions.

For example, each problem in the Financial Accounting & Reporting section is graded by a grader assigned to a single question.

A grader assigned to a question becomes proficient in its subject matter and in evaluating candidates’ answers. Thus, grading is objective and uniform.

Papers generally undergo two reviews to ensure fairness and give candidates every possible consideration.

During the first review, obvious passes and obvious failures are subjected to cursory reviews. Marginal papers receive an intensive review by experienced graders. Scores are corrected for any scoring errors.

The graders who make the extensive reviews have had years of experience grading the CPA examination.

They have also participated in the development of the grading bases and have access to item analysis for objective questions identifying concepts as discriminating (those included by most candidates passing the exam) or as rudimentary (those included by candidates both passing and failing the exam).

An important indicator of the competence of the candidate is whether grade points were earned chiefly from discriminating concepts or from rudimentary concepts.

At the conclusion of the grading process, the Advisory Grading Service reports advisory grades to each board of accountancy which is responsible for issuing official grades.

Boards of accountancy may report information to candidates about how they performed on each content area of the exam by including a Candidate Diagnostic Report with the grades.

The Candidate Diagnostic Report indicates the percentage coverage of each content area for each exam section. It provides the grade for each section taken and indicates the approximate percentage of points the candidate earned in each section.

FASB Issues Statement No. 143, “Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations”

In August, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement No. 143, *Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations*.

Initiated in 1994, the project focused on accounting for the costs of nuclear decommissioning.

However, FASB later expanded the project’s scope to include similar closure costs in other industries that are incurred at any time during the life of an asset.

The standard requires entities to record the fair value of a liability for an asset retirement obligation in the period in which it is incurred.

When the liability is initially recorded, the entity capitalizes a cost by increasing the carrying amount of the related long-lived asset.

Over time, the liability is accreted to its present value each period, and the capitalized cost is depreciated over the useful life of the related asset.

Upon settlement of the liability, an entity either settles the obligation for its recorded amount or incurs a gain or loss upon settlement.

The standard is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2002, with earlier application encouraged.

A copy of Statement No. 143, *Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations*, may be obtained by placing an order online at (<http://stores.yahoo.com/fasbpubs>) or by contacting FASB’s Order Department by telephone at 800-748-0659. Additional information is also available from the FASB web site (www.fasb.org).

Reclassifications

Inactive

“Inactive,” when used to refer to the status of a person, describes one who has requested inactive status and been approved by the Board and who does not use the title “certified public accountant” nor does he or she allow anyone to refer to him or her as a “certified public accountant” and neither he or she nor anyone else refers to him or her in any representation as described in 21 NCAC 8A .0308(b) [21 NCAC 8A.0301(b)(23)].

9/5/01 Robert Saunders, Jr.
Knoxville, TN

David Robert Browne
Williamsville, NY

Reinstatements

Thomas Jackson Rhodes, Jr. #26497

Dale E. Tiffany #23973

Treasury, IRS Announce Relief for Victims of Terrorist Attacks

The United States Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) have issued a news release (IR-2001-81) and a Notice (Notice 2001-61) providing initial administrative tax relief for individual and business taxpayers who are unable to meet their federal tax obligations because they were affected by the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The IRS and Treasury are providing relief to all taxpayers—regardless of where they reside—who are directly affected by the terrorist attacks.

For example, this includes relief workers, the victims on the airplanes, taxpayers whose place of employment is in a disaster area, and taxpayers with records maintained in a disaster area.

In addition, the agencies are providing relief to all taxpayers in the five boroughs of New York City declared disaster areas by the President.

Relief is also being provided to taxpayers located in Arlington County, Virginia, home of the Penta-

gon, which President Bush also declared a disaster area.

Affected taxpayers who have an original filing deadline between September 11, 2001, and November 30, 2001, have an additional six months plus 120 days of time to file that return and make any payment due with that return.

Taxpayers who are currently on an extension that expires between September 11, 2001, and November 30, 2001, will have an additional 120 days to file that return.

Affected individual taxpayers who face an estimated tax payment date on September 17, 2001 may postpone that payment by including the amount with their final estimated payments for Tax Year 2001, which are due on January 15, 2002.

Affected corporate taxpayers who face an estimated tax payment after September 10, 2001, and before January 15, 2002, may postpone that payment until Jan. 15, 2002.

In addition, for six months the IRS will suspend many enforcement ac-

tivities, such as levies, seizures, and summonses, for affected taxpayers.

Taxpayers who are entitled to the relief described above should add the following designation in red ink at the top of returns they file: “September 11, 2001-Terrorist Attack.”

If they receive a notice from the IRS, they should contact the IRS as indicated on the notice to explain why they are entitled to relief.

Although the IRS cannot extend the deadline for employment or excise tax deposits, the IRS will provide relief for businesses unable to make these deposits because of the terrorist attacks.

The IRS will waive penalties on tax deposits required to be made by these businesses between September 11, 2001, and October 31, 2001, if those deposits are made by November 15, 2001.

For additional information regarding IRS Notice 2001-61, please visit the IRS web site (www.irs.gov).

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Certificate holders not notifying the Board in writing within 30 days of any change in address or business location may be subject to disciplinary action under 21 NCAC 8J .0107.